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KY EXCEL Announces New Members

Since publishing our last update in June, the Division of Compliance Assistance approved 15 more members into KY EXCEL. Collectively, these members have committed to 34 different voluntary projects. We welcome these latest members to join the program!

Toyota Motor Manufacturing Kentucky (Master member) – Toyota Motor Manufacturing Kentucky, which is located in Georgetown, joined KY EXCEL on June 25. Its environmental commitments include segregating compostable waste, sponsoring a "Fall Haul" program to collect household hazardous waste, providing an e-waste speaker, using rain water as part of its process water and constructing an environmental education center.

Ahlstrom Filtration Inc. (Master member) – Ahlstrom's application was approved on July 24. This Hopkins County facility's projects include increasing paper recycling by 60 percent, improving material efficiency to more than 93 percent through waste reduction, reducing water usage, reducing the tons of solid waste sent to the landfill and reducing their air emissions.

Toyota Logistics Services (Master member) – Toyota Logistics Services has committed to improve recycling efforts to ultimately achieve zero waste to the landfill, remove two 20,000 gallon above ground fuel storage tanks from premises, convert all loading ramps from hydraulic fluid usage to a vegetable oil blended fluid and host an Earth Day celebration for employees to increase environmental awareness. Toyota Logistics Services, which is located in Scott County, was accepted into KY EXCEL on Sept. 11.

Toyota Motor Sales, USA Inc (Master member) – This Boone County facility became a member on Sept. 15. Its goals include implementing a recycling program for plastic packaging materials, replacing petroleum-based oils used in operational equipment with vegetable-based oils, removing existing high-pressure sodium lighting with fluorescent lighting and implementing a battery recycling program for associates to encourage proper disposal.

Catlettsburg Refining, LLC (a subsidiary of Marathon Petroleum Company) (Master member) – This well-known refinery located in Catlettsburg became a KY EXCEL member Sept. 16. Its projects include converting hazardous sludge generated in its wastewater treatment plant into a nonhazardous waste, relocating the cumene truck loading line to the new solvent truck rack, purchasing a Smart LDAR infrared thermal imaging camera for detecting escaping organic vapors and setting aside company property for public use at the Savage Branch Wildlife Reserve.

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New Members, continued...

The J.M. Smucker Company (Leader member) – J.M. Smucker became a KY EXCEL leader on July 24. The Lexington facility will be installing energy efficient lighting throughout the plant, creating an environmental committee/green team to enhance current environmental efforts, and increasing recycling to include plastics, which will reduce the volume of solid waste currently being sent to the landfill.

Westlake Vinyl Corporation (Leader member) – This Calvert City facility became a member on Sept. 18. Its proposed projects include replacing vacuum feed tanks (IFRT) with a fixed roof tank vented to the incinerator, installing a second floor in #5 EDC shore tank and replacing a diesel salt crane with an electric unit.

Altuglas International, a division of Arkema Inc. (Partner member) – Altuglas has committed to three voluntary projects: progress toward obtaining ISO 14001 Certification through developing, measuring and improving its Environmental Management System; and sponsoring a "Tox-Away Day" for Louisville households to bring household hazardous waste items for proper handling and disposal. This Louisville facility became a member on June 26.

Gallatin Steel Company (Partner member) – Gallatin Steel's application was approved Aug. 5. Its project is installation of a 1.0 million ACFM baghouse to improve indoor air quality at its Ghent facility.

Bluegrass PRIDE (Advocate member) – Bluegrass PRIDE was accepted into membership on July 24. The Lexington-based organization is developing an education campaign that will focus on septic system issues for a 35-house neighborhood in Jessamine County. Its project will also include providing a free, one-time septic tank pumping for neighborhood residences.

Strodes Creek Conservancy (Advocate member) – This Clark County nonprofit organization became a KY EXCEL advocate on July 24. Its project is to host an educational workshop for Clark County's industrial park businesses to promote the KY EXCEL

program and to discuss pollution prevention assistance opportunities offered by the Kentucky Pollution Prevention Center.

Dr. Ahmad H. Malkawi (Advocate member) – This Lexington resident joined KY EXCEL and set a goal to provide environmental awareness training for the students in Lexington Universal Academy and encourage them to learn the environmental importance in their life. Dr. Malkawi's membership was approved on July 24

Kenya Stump (Advocate member) – This Lexington resident had her membership approved on July 24. She plans to develop and implement a program for the Pinnacle Neighborhood concerning the storm water issues on West Hickman Creek, guiding them with a Best Practices for Homeowners and stenciling storm drains.

Deer Park Neighborhood Association (Advocate member) – Louisville's Deer Park Neighborhood Association joined KY EXCEL on Aug. 17. It is coordinating a one-day neighborhood clean up event for the residents and business owners in its neighborhood.

Southwestern High School Conservation Club and Raptor Center (Advocate member) – This Somerset group became a KY EXCEL member on Aug. 31. It will be providing educational presentations on birds of prey to four elementary schools in Pulaski County.

Web Site Updates

As you may have heard, KY EXCEL has plans to update its website to ensure that complete program information is available as well as meaningful tools to assist you as you work toward environmental excellence. Although we have a long way to go to reach our full vision, we are beginning steps to compile this information for you.

One of our first steps was to shorten our Web site address so it is easier to remember and access. The new address is www.KYEXCEL.ky.gov. The previous address will continue to work if you have it already included in your bookmarks.

We also are in the process of posting approved third-party assessors on our Web site. These assessors have indicated an interest in assisting potential KY EXCEL members complete their performance assessment requirements. Some of these individuals are willing to provide this assistance free of charge, others are available on a fee-for-service basis. Our Web site will include contact information for each assessor and will also include a brief summary of the assessor's qualifications. If you would like to be included on this list, please contact Lisa Barker at the Division of Compliance Assistance at (502) 564-0323.

30th Governor's Conference on the Environment and KY EXCEL Annual Members Meeting



KY EXCEL is pleased to announce that the first annual KY EXCEL members meeting will be held in conjunction with the 30th Governor's Conference on the Environment. The conference will be held in downtown Lexington on Nov. 29-30, 2006, at the Hyatt Regency. The KY EXCEL members meeting will immediately precede the conference on the afternoon of Nov. 29, 2006.

At this year's first KY EXCEL members meeting we will have the unique opportunity to participate in a luncheon forum with the Department for Environmental Protection's senior management team. These agency heads will be available to discuss your issues and thoughts as well as provide an update on their programs' activities. The rest of the afternoon

will be set aside to discuss KY EXCEL's progress, the process for completing annual reports and an opportunity to share member project activities.

Immediately following the KY EXCEL members meeting, the Governor's Conference on the Environment will begin with an evening networking reception followed by a leadership awards dinner. This dinner will be an excellent opportunity for Kentucky to publicly recognize the efforts that all of the KY EXCEL members.

The 30th Governor's Conference on the Environment will focus on environmental leadership. The conference agenda is currently under development, and it is shaping up to be a substantive meeting with speakers that you won't want to miss. The conference will also include an exhibition area that showcases leadership activities and KY EXCEL members. If you are a KY EXCEL member and would like to showcase your organization in the exhibit area, please contact Julia Kays at (502) 564-0323. Julia will be sending additional information out to KY EXCEL members regarding this opportunity.

We strongly encourage all KY EXCEL members to make plans to attend both the KY EXCEL members meeting on Nov. 29 as well as the Governor's Conference on Nov. 30. More information will be sent out as soon as it is available. Meanwhile, be sure to pencil these dates into your calendars. We look forward to seeing you!